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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: DISALVO

In re Application of:	)
FRANCESCO DISALVO	)
Appl. No: 10/726,100	) Examiner: Vrettakos, P.
Filed: December 2, 2003	) Group Art Unit: 3739
For: SILVER ALLOYS FOR USE IN MEDICAL, SURGICAL AND MICROSURGICAL INSTRUMENTS, AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE ALLOYS	)

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above application in response to the Official Action of January 25, 2006, having a shortened period for response terminating April 25, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned to extend the period for response to above-referenced Official Action by ONE month until May 25, 2006.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114a. ☐ Previously submittedi. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116,  
previously filed on .

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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

iii. ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/reply.

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103 (c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other

3. **FEES** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

a. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other

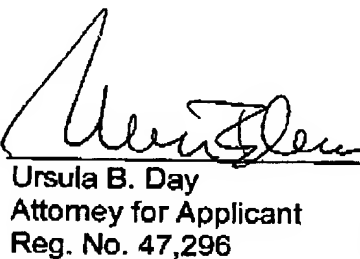
b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card

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- d. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$465.00 and any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1747.

Respectfully submitted,

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